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PROCUREMENT OF MIG FIGHTER TRAINERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the batch of MIG-21 aircraft currently having used for training rookie pilots are due to be retired after completing their working life next year;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to acquire MIG-21 fighter trainer at the earliest; and

(c) the sources from which such fighter trainers are proposed to be acquired alongwith the number and cost thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): MIG-21 Trainer aircraft will start retiring from service in a phased manner from next year. Various options for the acquisition of Advanced Jet Trainers are under examination by the Government.